

SHICK counseling is free, unbiased, confidential, and available to anyone with questions about Medicare.

Trained counselors are available statewide to assist with:

- Medicare questions
- Medicare claims and appeals
- Medicare fraud
- Medicare Prescription Drug Plans
- Medicare Advantage plans
- Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap)
- Employer Group Plans as supplement insurance
- Medicaid
- Other health insurance options
- Long-Term Care options
- Medicare Savings Programs
- Extra Help with prescription drugs

To find a **SHICK** counselor in your area and to schedule a free, confidential counseling session with a trained, unbiased counselor in your area **call 1-800-860-5260.**



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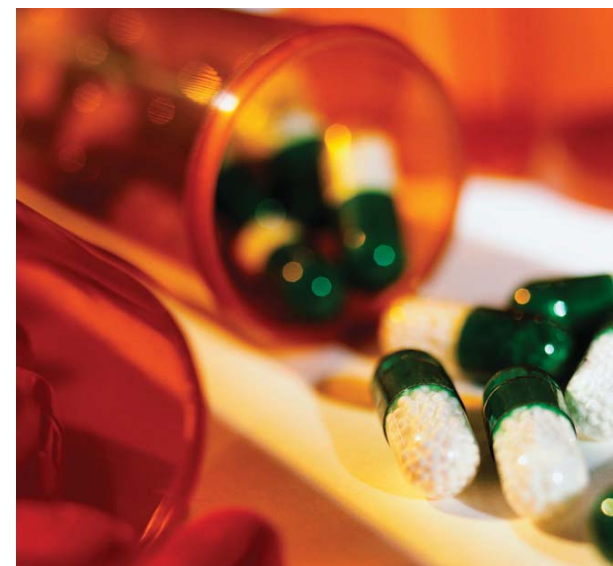
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Need Extra Help paying for your prescription drugs?



You may qualify for Extra Help from Medicare...



What is Medicare?

Medicare is a federal health insurance program that covers

- Over 35 million individuals age 65 and older
- Over six million individuals under 65 with disabilities
- Individuals with ESRD (End Stage Renal Disease)

What is Medicare Part D?

Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage (Part D)

- Insurance that covers both generic and brand name prescriptions
- Coverage is provided through private insurance companies
- Many types of plans are available

(Most people will pay a monthly premium for Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage.)

Are you on a limited income?

Are you having trouble paying for your medications?

2009 Extra Help is available if

- you have income less than \$16,245 per year (\$1,354 per month) for an individual or \$21,855 per year (\$1,821 per month) for a married couple
- resources up to \$12,510 for an individual or \$25,010 for a married couple (excludes primary residence and one automobile)

If you qualify for Extra Help:

- Medicare will pay for most of your prescription drug costs
- You will automatically receive help paying
 - Premiums
 - Deductibles
 - Co-pays of your Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage
- There is no coverage gap

Apply for Extra Help by contacting:

Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansas (SHICK)

1-800-860-5260

Social Security Administration

www.socialsecurity.gov
1-800-772-1213
Ask for form SSA-1020



Questions about Medicare?

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http://www.agingkansas.org/SHICK/shick_index.html